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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/657,411
Filing Date: September 8, 2003
Applicant: Mauer et al.
Group Art Unit: 3726
Examiner: David P. Bryant
Title: SELF-PIERCING RIVET, PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR
SETTING A RIVET ELEMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT
THEREOF
Attorney Docket: 0275M-000768

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Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

In response to the Restriction dated December 3, 2004, Applicants' representative hereby provisionally elects Group II, Claims 21-40, for further prosecution on the merits, but with traverse. It is not believed that searching and examining all of the alleged groups and claims, especially those of combined Groups I and II, will pose an undue burden on the Examiner. Furthermore, the Examiner has not set forth a prima facie case for restriction. Thus, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Moreover, new Claims 51-76 and the amended claims herein all fall within the elected Group II.

Respectfully submitted,

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